GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Prohibition and Excise - Black Jaggery – Policy guidelines on Jaggery (Gur) including black jaggery - Orders - Issued.

REVENUE (EXCISE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.149 **Dated:18.04.2017**

Read the following:

1) Hon'ble High Court orders dt.08-03-2017 in W.P.M.P.No.9311 of 2017 in W.P.No.7569 of 2016.
2) From the CPE, A.P., Cr.No.188/DOE/2014/B-1, dt.17-04-2017.

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ORDER:

In pursuance to the orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Hyderabad for the State of Telangana and the State of Andhra Pradesh in the reference 1st read above, and in the circumstances reported by the Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise, A.P., in the reference 2nd read above, Government hereby issue the following policy guidelines on jaggery including black jaggery:

(i) Jaggery including Black Jaggery is an agricultural produce and its use is governed by Gur (Regulation of Use) Order, 1968.

(ii) As per clause 3 of Gur (Regulation of Use) Order, 1968, Jaggery (Gur) shall be used for the following purposes only

(a) consumption in the form of Gur (Jaggery)

(b) preparation of any article (not being alcoholic liquor) used as food or drink or medicine for human consumption

(c) cattle feed.

(iii) Jaggery (Gur) including black jaggery shall not be used for the purpose of manufacturing alcoholic liquor.

(iv) The officers of Prohibition & Excise Department, above the rank of P & E Inspectors are authorized by the Union Government under clause 4 of Gur (Regulation of Use) Order, 1968 to secure compliance with the said Order.

(v) The authorized officers may require any person to furnish information, returns or reports in case Gur is used for a purpose not permitted under clause 3 of the Order.

(vi) No inconvenience shall be caused to Jaggery farmers, dealers / traders or users of Jaggery for lawful purposes.

(vii) If the authorized officer of the Prohibition & Excise Department has a reason to believe that black jaggery (material) is likely to be used for manufacture of illicitly distilled liquor, it can be seized and person(s) can be arrested and subject to facts and circumstances of each case including any report of Chemical Examiner, charge sheet can be filed under section 34(e) of the A.P. Excise Act.

(viii) Since Jaggery or Black Jaggery is not a prohibited commodity, mere possession or transportation shall not be a cause for its seizure.

(ix) The powers conferred upon should be exercised with due care and caution and there shall be no complaints of misuse, abuse or excess use.

The Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise, Andhra Pradesh shall take further action to issue necessary administrative instruction in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(FAC)

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The Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise, A.P., Vijayawada.
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The Director of Enforcement, Prohibition & Excise, A.P., Vijayawada.
PS to Hon'ble Minister for Prohibition & Excise.
PS to Spl.CS to Govt., Revenue(CT, P&E, R&S)

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